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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.